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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on November 14, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

a. Applicants have failed to specifically point out the support in the original disclosure for each of the newly presented claim limitations (see M.P.E.P. 714.02).

Currently amended claim 1 recites "first and second wings extending proximally from said ball socket" (see lines 4-6). Examiner believes there is no description in the specification stating which way is proximal and which way is distal.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.
EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Javier G. Blanco whose telephone number is 703-605-4259. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (7:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.), first Friday of the bi-week off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Corrine McDermott can be reached on 703-308-2111. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306 for regular communications and After Final communications.

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0858.

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